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SUMMARY: SPC ON JULY 22 RETURNED TO DATA ANNEXES FOR USE
BY AHG UNDER NAC GUIDANCE ON CONTINUING THE DATA DISCUSSION
WITH THE EAST (REF A). ACTION REQUESTED: SEE FINAL PARA-
GRAPH. END SUMMARY.

1. MC REP (GROUP CAPTAIN CHANDLER) INFORMED SPC OF FOLLOWING
CHANGES IN ANNEX I DUR TO DUTCH SUGGESTION ON PRESENTATION
OF DUTCH FIGURES. PARA 1A BECOMES 487,000, AND PARA 1B
BECOMES 244,500, FOR A TOTAL OF 731,500. IN PARA 2, I(NL)
CORPS BECOMES 35,660 FOR A ROUNDED FIGURE OF 36,000, AND
PARA 2 TOTAL BECOMES 487,000. IN PARA 3, "OTHER" NL FIGURE
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BECOMES 31,070, ROUNDED TO 31,000, AND PARA 3 TOTAL BECOMES
240,500. RECONCILIATION ITEM 2 BECOMES 487,000, AND ITEM 3
BECOMES 240,500. FOOTNOTE 1 EXCLUDES 5400 SHORT LEAVE PER-
SONNEL, AND FOOTNOTE 4 EXCLUDES 400 SHORT LEAVE PERSONNEL.

2. SPC ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL THAT ONLY ROUNDED FIGURES BE
PROVIDED TO AHG (PER PARA 16D, REF B). THUS SPC WAS IN

AGREEMENT ON ANNEX I ON GROUND DATA, SINCE THE ROUNDED STAFF GROUP FIGURES FOR THE MULTILATERAL CATEGORY WOULD NOT CHANGE EVEN IF THE US GROUND FIGURE OF 1008 AND AIR FIGURE OF 690 WERE USED. (WE LATER INFORMED STAFF GROUP OF THE CONTINUING US BELIEF THAT THE US FIGURES ARE MORE ACCURATE, AND THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC US BREAKDOWN WITH THEM UPON RECEIPT.)

3. SPC WAS ALSO IN AGREEMENT WITH ANNEX III ON DIVISIONAL DATA, WITH A UK AMENDMENT TO INDICATE THE MAJOR FORMATIONS TO WHICH PARTICULAR DIVISIONS ARE SUBORDINATE.

4. RE ANNEX II ON AIR MANPOWER DATA, THE UK INTRODUCED A FIGURE OF 8710 FOR UK MAJOR FORMATION (UK RAFG) INSTEAD OF 8217. THIS DOES NOT CHANGE THE ROUNDED UK FIGURE OF 8500. THE UK "OTHER" FIGURE FOR AIR MANPOWER BECOMES 1012, INSTEAD OF THE STAFF GROUP FIGURE OF 1505. THE ROUNDED UK "OTHER" FIGURE BECOMES 1000, INSTEAD OF THE STAFF GROUP FIGURE OF 1500. THE SPC APPEARED IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THIS ANNEX. WE NOTED THAT WE WERE EXPECTING TO MAKE A SUBMISSION RE ANNEX II (SINCE THE SPC MEETING STARTED AT 9:30, WE HAD NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS REF B WITH STAFF GROUP).

5. WHEN WE LATER DISCUSSED ANNEX II WITH STAFF GROUP MEMBERS, THEY GLADLY ACCEPTED INCLUDING THE US FIGURES OF
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19,000 FOR MAJOR AIR FORMATIONS AND 11,000 OTHER AIR MANPOWER IN NEXT VERSION OF ANNEX II, TO BE RE-ISSUED SHORTLY. (US FIGURE OF 700 FOR MULTILATERAL HQ IS ALREADY THE FIGURE STAFF GROUP IS WORKING WITH). HOWEVER, THEY URGED AGAINST LEVYING REQUIREMENTS ON CAPITALS TO PROVIDE THIS DATA, ON GROUNDS THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO A LONG INCONCLUSIVE EXERCISE, IN VIEW OF DIFFERENCES IN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE UK FIGURE IN ANNEX II WILL NOW BE A UK SUBMISSION, AND THE FRG FIGURE WAS ALREADY ONE SUPPLIED BY FRG DELEGATION TO THE STAFF GROUP. STAFF GROUP ALSO HOPED WE COULD MAINTAIN PARA 4 IN ANNEX II, WHICH ONLY SAYS THAT "FURTHER DETAILS", NOT "ALL DETAILS" ON COMPOSITION OF THE AIR MANPOWER FIGURES ARE CONTAINED IN AC/276-D(76)6. IN VIEW OF STAFF GROUP ACCEPTANCE OF THE US FIGURES, AND RELUCTANCE TO INITIATE AN EXERCISE OF REQUESTING MATERIAL SUBMISSION, WE SAID WE WOULD REPORT BACK TO WASHINGTON.

6. WE INFORMED STAFF GROUP OF US BELIEF THAT THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPING NATO AGREED FORMAT FOR PACT AIR FORCES, AND THAT US WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE DATA IN TWO MODES. STAFF GROUP THOUGHT THE FORMAT COULD BE DEVELOPED IN ONE OF TWO WAYS. STAFF GROUP COULD DO IT, IN CONSULTATION

WITH THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, OR IT COULD BE DONE AT THE FALL INTELLIGENCE CONARENCE, PARALLEL TO THE MCM. IN EITHER CASE, US INPUT WOULD OF COURSE BE VERY IMPORTANT. WE PLAN TO INFORM SPC OF US VIEW AT MONDAY, JULY 25 MEETING.

7. COMMENT: WE TEND TO AGREE WITH STAFF GROUP REPS THAT GOING BACK TO CAPITALS FOR AIR MANPOWER DATA COULD LEAD TO A TIME-CONSUMING EXERCISE, IN VIEW OF ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFERENCES AMONG ALLIED AIR FORCES. IN VIEW OF AUGUST VACATION IN CAPITALS, AND LACK OF PERSONNEL IN AUGUST IN SOME OF THE SMALLER DELEGATIONS, WE DOUBT THAT SUCH AN EXERCISE

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COULD BE COMPLETED UNTIL SEPTEMBER AT THE EARLIEST. NEVERTHELESS, IF WASHINGTON BELIEVES THE DIFFERENCES IN THE NUMBERS, EVEN WITH ROUNDING, ARE SIFFICIENTLY GREAT, THEN THIS EXERCISE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. WE SHALL AWAIT WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT.

8. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PARA 4 OF ANNEX II ON SUPPORTING DATA NEEDS TO BE DELETED, SINCE IT DOES NOT CLAIM THAT ALL DETAILS ON THE AIR DATA ARE CONTAINED IN AC/276-3(76)6.
END COMMENT.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, JULY 25: IN LIGHT OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH STAFF GROUP, AND ABOVE

COMMENT: DOES WASHINGTON WISH TO MAINTAIN ITS WISH FOR AN
EXERCISE OF COLLECTING AIR MANPOWER DATA FROM CAPITALS,
AND TO DELETE PARA 4 FROM ANNEX II? PEREZ

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